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SUBJECT: SUCCESOR DG FOR ILO

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1. YVES SABOURET, PRIME MINISTER'S CONSELOR FOR LABOR AFFAIRES, TOLD LABATT 25 OCTOBER THAT AGREEMENT HAD JUST BEEN REACHED WITHIN GOF TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT CANDIDACY OF FRANCIS BLANCHARD FOR ILO DG POSITION.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT, GOF DELEGATE PARODI, AS WELL AS FRENCH EMPLOYER AND WORKER DELEGATES, SAID SABOURET, HAVE ALL AGREED THAT BLANCHARD BEST CANDIDATE, AND THA FRANCE SHOULD SEEK ILO DIRECTORSHIP.

3. DIPLOMATIC NOTE, ANNOUNCING FOREGOING WILL BE SENT TO DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.

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4. SABOURET AND OTHER MINISTRY OF LABOR OFFICIALS DEALING WITH

ILO MATTERS EAGERLY AWAIT BLANCHARD'S RETURN FROM US TO HEAR RESULTS OF HIS SOUNDINGS.

5. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT BASIC GOF DECISION WAS TO SEEK ILO DIRECTORSHIP FOR NATIONAL PRESTIGE PURPOSE; THAT THIS, IN TURN, DETERMINED DECISION TO SUPPORT BLANCHARD, IN BELIEF THAT HE HAS BEST CHANCE OF BEING ELECTED.
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